

REMARKS

In a final Office Action, dated June 3, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6-8, 13, 15, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Baldwin et al. (U.S. patent no. 5,606,552, hereinafter referred to as "Baldwin"). The Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 14, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Baldwin and further in view of Beser (U.S. patent no. 6,331,987). The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Baldwin and further in view of Balazinski et al. (U.S. patent no. 6,738,379). The Examiner allowed claims 9-12 and 21-23. The rejections and objections are traversed and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

The applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 9-12 and 21-23. To place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants have cancelled claims 1-8 and 13-20. Since the remaining claims, that is, claims 9-12 and 21-23, have been allowed, the applicants respectfully request that the application may now be passed to allowance.

As the applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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